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The Honorable John E. Potter
Postmaster General & Chief Executive Officer
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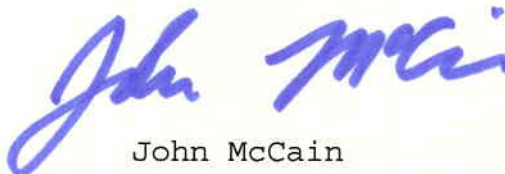
Dear Postmaster General Potter:

Thank you for sending me the engraved albums highlighting the newly issued commemorative stamps. I ask that in the future you refrain from sending me such items.

I find it irresponsible for the Postal Service to provide members of Congress such personally engraved albums when the Postal Service reported last month a net loss of \$3.8 billion for the most recent fiscal year following losses totaling \$7.9 billion in 2007 and 2008. As you know, these losses have led to the Postal Service borrowing \$10.2 billion from American taxpayers. Additionally, the Postal Service announced earlier this week that 170 post offices across the country remain under consideration for closure and previously discussed reducing mail service to five days a week.

Until the Postal Service no longer owes American taxpayers billions of dollars, I request that you refrain from spending limited Postal Service resources on unnecessary items such as engraved albums showcasing commemorative stamps for members of Congress and instead focus on moving the Postal Service to fiscal solvency.

Sincerely,



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